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Kai Thompson
Task Order Contracting Officer Representative
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ORD/CCTE
1200 Pennsylvania Ave NW

Washington, DC 20460

Re: October 2021 Progress Report, Variability and Relevance of Current Laboratory Mammalian Toxicity Tests and Expectations for New Approach Methods (NAMs) for use in Human Health Risk Assessment, Contract #68HERC19D0011; Task Order # 68HERC21F0178

Dear Mr. Thompson:

This progress report for the contract task referenced above covers the month of October 2021.

Since project inception, the work accomplished has included preparation and distribution of the call for nominations for the project committee; screening of individual nominations; preparation of a committee nomination slate for National Academies approval; web posting of the approved provisional committee roster for a 20-day public comment period; discussion of the first workshop with the sponsor; and organization and conduct of meetings of the committee. No QA/QC activities or corrective actions have been undertaken.

During the reporting period, National Academies conducted the second virtual meeting of the committee on October 21, 2021. In addition, project staff advanced plans for further virtual closed sessions during the remainder of 2021, including the third meeting of the committee on November 11, 2021. These virtual sessions allow for preliminary discussions of the committee's consensus report, as well as for subcommittee discussions of the literature review and for planning of the first public workshop (slated for December 9, 2021), with the support of project staff.

During the forthcoming period, National Academies staff anticipate finalizing the agenda for the first public workshop, to be conducted on December 9, 2021. The Academies will convene a meeting with the EPA to review the proposed list of experts. Staff will organize the workshop and will make the agenda and any pre-recorded information publicly available via the internet. Staff will also arrange for development of a rapporteur report for the workshop. Other anticipated effort will include supporting the committee's plans for conduct of the literature review.

A summary and details of project-related expenditures are provided below.

Financial information for October 2021:

Labor Cost

ODCs

Overhead

G&A

Total Oct 2021

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\$ 44,722.89

The total expenditures since inception are \$ 141,306.08. The attached figures and tables show dollars spent, a comparison of total funds spent and labor costs, cumulative funds spent by activity (excluding labor), and cumulative hours worked by staff.

Sincerely,

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EPA Current Laboratory Mammalian Toxicity Tests
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Progress Report, October 1, 2021 thru October 31, 2021
Total Dollars Spent (Thousand)

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Cumulative Funds Spent by Task (Excluding Labor)

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Cumulative Hours Worked by Staff

☒ Hours worked this month
☐ Hours worked to date

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